

**Q: Will this project address the flooding concerns?**

A: This will be the first step to being able to propose answers to the flooding the area has been experiencing in recent years. For example: before dredging projects, can be funded, policy makers typically ask “Do you have a watershed management plan to address potential negative impacts from flooding, i.e. nutrient loading, contaminants, fisheries impact? Do you know what is in the silt? How would you address that?” That is why this first step is a BIG step. We must establish scientific benchmarks to identify what water quality impacts are being realized that are exacerbated by flooding and other run-off events.

**Q: Will this project give direction to Army Corps of Engineers?**

A: This project’s scope and funding are to identify issues that could be addressed in the future by ACOE as well as the state agencies regarding better management practices that could better protect water quality. Water QUANTITY is not part of this scope.